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MISSOULA

The season of sacrifice

Candace Rojo
Montana Kaimin

The color purple lines the walls of Christ the King parish in Missoula. Students file into the church, escaping the rain and snow, and comparisons of oncoming personal sacrifices fill the air before mass starts. The season of Lent has begun.

For the western Christian world, the season of Lent began yesterday on Ash Wednesday, which is a holy day of fasting and prayer that is 40 days before Easter, not including Sundays.

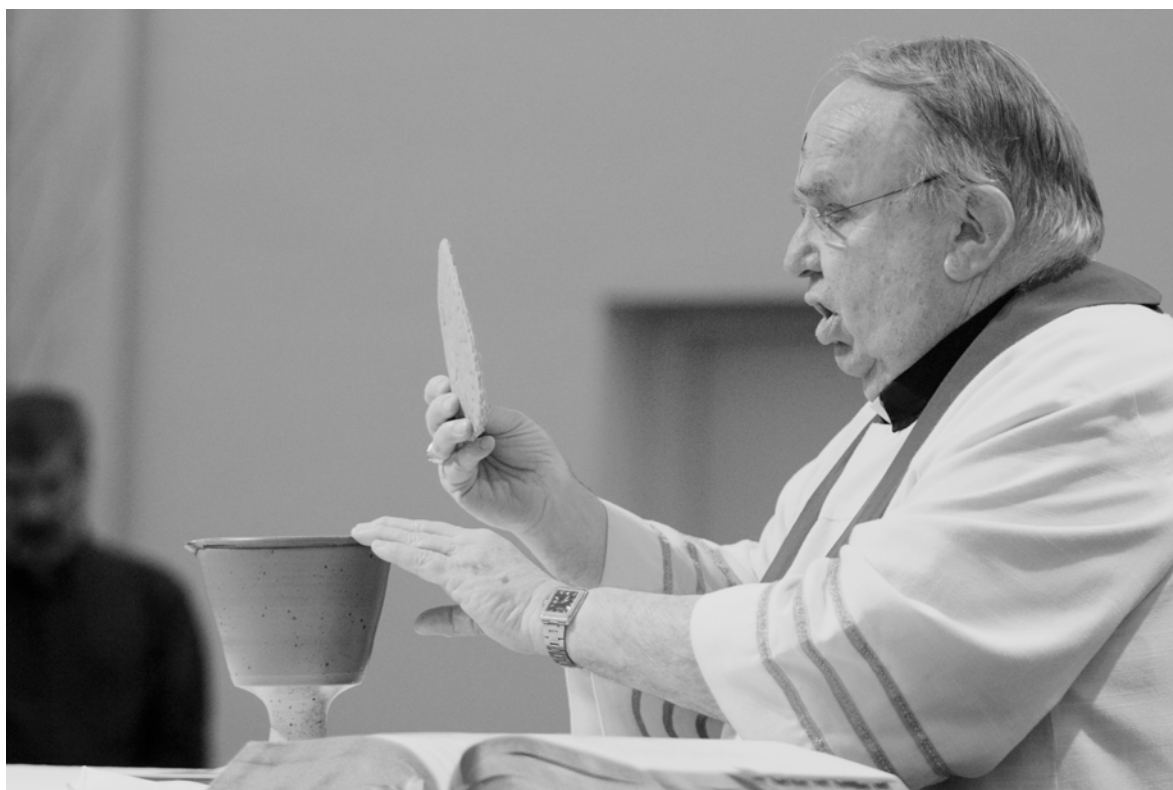
The upcoming days of personal sacrifice, reflection, improvement and prayer is in observance of the 40 days and nights Jesus spent being tested in the desert and the crucifix-

ion of Christ. The season ends with the celebration of Easter Sunday.

During mass, ashes in the shape of a cross are spread on the forehead of the members of the church, reminding the congregation of the sacrifice Christ made for them.

For many Christian college students, Lent is the first holy season spent without their family. It becomes a true test of their faith. Christ the King opened its doors twice Wednesday to the congregation, with more than 60 college students attending between the two masses.

Lindsay Fangman, a freshman studying pre-med, said she appreciated mass so much more after she put the effort



Father Smith reads the liturgy Wednesday before churchgoers partake in the Lord's supper at Christ the King Church's Ash Wednesday service.

Abigail Redfern for the Montana Kaimin

into going, instead of being on her parents' schedule.

"I didn't want to push Lent off," she said. "It is a routine for me. I've been doing it so long, why stop now?"

Kate Lillegard, a Catholic Campus Minister at Christ the King and a junior at UM, said she didn't feel much different going to church on her own, since she has been making

her own religious choices for a while.

"My first lent away from home wasn't that different," she said. "But my first Easter

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CAMPUS

Sex assault forum a success

Cody Blum
Montana Kaimin

Prevention and response were the hot topics at Wednesday night's follow-up sexual assault forum for students.

Linda Green, director of health enhancement at the Curry Health Center, said this second forum took place to answer two questions that were at the heart of the first student forum.

"What can we do to prevent sexual assault incidents, and what can we do to better respond to sexual assault incidents?" Green said.

Students suggested more preventative educational outreach through things like mandatory sexual health classes and poster campaigns.

Green, along with Eilis

O'Herlihy from the Student Assault Resource Center, hosted the event, which explored feedback and results from last week's "U Matter" student forum. About 30 students were in attendance at the University Center Theater Wednesday night. The forum aimed to wrap up some student ideas for submission to the administration.

"It's really exciting seeing students come forward," O'Herlihy said.

At last week's meeting, five questions were posed to students about sexual assault. Responses to those questions were taken and compiled into a series of results to properly address cases of sexual assault. The first three questions looked at definitions of sexual violence and its causes and consequen-

es. The last two questions dealt with prevention and response.

"This is where we really get into the meat of the topic," Green said.

Green presented student findings from last week's forum about preventative tactics for stopping sexual assault. Educational programs, public discourse and visibility, accountability for offenders, improved campus safety, and positive peer pressure were some of the themes from last week's forum. Green, who used to work for Planned Parenthood, posed questions to the audience about how to promote these themes on campus and in the community.

O'Herlihy presented the themes that came up for response to sexual assault. One recurring theme was how vic-

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CAMPUS

Student groups to get less money

Amy Sisk
Jake McHugh
Montana Kaimin

Even though the student government plans to budget \$32,000 more than last year, student groups could see a decrease in funding.

Associated Students of the University of Montana agencies and student groups are lobbying the student senate every night this week to fund activities for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. Senators will meet on Saturday to allocate \$897,000, which is collected from the \$33 per semester activity fee.

After taking state-mandated pay increases for ASUM agency staffers into account,

the senate has little more than \$19,000 to distribute to student groups. That money is about 56 percent of the amount student groups received last year, and is roughly 2 percent of the ASUM budget. The senate is required to allocate that 2 percent at its discretion without recommendations from ASUM executives, which consists of the president, vice president and business manager.

In the past, ASUM has had more than 2 percent of its budget available to student groups. Because extra funding isn't available this year, Gursky said the executives could not make recommendations for student groups.

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SCIENCE COLUMN

GET YOUR GEEK ON

Tainted love

By Cody Wooden

First things first: I love Jimmy John's. I will never be sick of late-night deliveries and mayo-laced loaves in the waning hours of a festive night on the town. Unfortunately, a tiny bacterium called E. coli wants to rid me of this weekly joy.

OK, maybe not every week. But regardless, this is a serious concern for me and should be for all you Jimmy Johners out there. Recently, tainted sprouts at Jimmy John's have been the culprit of 12 reported illnesses in Kansas, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). One Iowa woman has even filed a lawsuit against the "freaky fast" sandwich chain after she was diagnosed with even freakier Escherichia coli serogroup O26 — the technical name for E. coli. We should all be thanking the fast food gods at this point that E. coli has yet to reach Montana restaurants — although it most likely won't, thanks to a careful Jimmy John's recall.

Food poisoning scares and massive recalls like this latest one have got me wondering: What the hell is wrong with our current food system? I know it gets old hearing about how organic is so much better for us and local food is the best food, but seriously, how have we come so far as a society and still our Beach Club from JJ's could potentially kill us?

Science has simultaneously made food better and worse. Louis Pasteur came up with a great way to make sure our milk is clean, and yet some people still prefer to drink unpasteurized milk, which is 150 times more likely than the pasteurized version to cause food-borne illnesses. More recently, Dutch scientists have started creating a "test tube hamburger" that will be ready to eat by the end of the year. It's good to know that 100 cows weren't killed to make that burger, plus these petri dish patties have the potential to feed the millions of starving people around the world if utilized correctly. Weird, huh?

I guess my point is, where is the modern-day pasteurization? These quality-control problems that Jimmy John's sprouts suppliers have had exemplify a food system that is so high-tech that even the smallest, most microscopic bacterium can slip through the cracks. Earlier this month, more than 1 million eggs in 34 different states — not including Montana — were recalled due to a possible Listeria contamination. The source? A repair project in the packaging room. C'mon food industry, you can do better than that.

In a world where we can order a large supreme pizza on our iPhones from our living room, shouldn't we be able to count on that food not having dangerous bacteria in it? Don't go out and boycott Jimmy John's because their suppliers screwed up; hold the system accountable. After all, this Billy Club I'm eating right now tastes damn good.

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INVESTIGATION
FLAWED

There has been a great deal of uproar over your Nov. 29 story, "Student Accuses Professors of Misconduct." While a story that examines a mismanaged student or faculty complaint is worthwhile, I feel your investigation was neither fair nor accurate to either side. I was a grad student in Professor Kane's seminar with Wayne Moore; however, I had no part in the complaint proceedings that were filed or in the investigation for this story. Imagine my surprise, then, to see my name in your article! I now feel the need to clarify a few things.

Yes, I did say the things you quoted — in a private email to Mr. Moore on January 20. I sympathized with his feelings but also encouraged him to speak with Professor Kane directly

and to participate in a mediation opportunity offered by UM. When Mr. Moore later asked if he could submit my email as part of his official complaint, I declined (in an email on February 10). From that point forward, I heard nothing more and didn't participate in any way. Apparently, my written remarks suspiciously found their way into both the official complaint and your article without my consent anyway.

Furthermore, after Mr. Moore filed his complaint, I emailed Professor Kane with my concerns about the class. We had a long and productive discussion about the class and our individual pedagogical stances. As a student, I felt listened to and appreciated for my candor, and as a former professor, I felt an equal part of a constructive and useful dialogue. Clearly, this is not how Mr. Moore and Professor Kane's interactions

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SPORTS COLUMN

DOWNTIME WITH DANIEL

The rise of T-Rob

By Daniel Mediate, sports editor

There was no bandage big enough to cover Thomas Robinson's heartache last year.

In the span of four weeks, the Kansas Jayhawks basketball player lost his beloved grandmother and grandfather.

Then, five days after his grandfather's passing — on Jan. 21, 2011 — his cell phone rang. His 9-year-old sister Jayla called to tell him that their mother Lisa had died unexpectedly, leaving Robinson, who was in his sophomore season at KU, in charge of Jayla, who lived 1,100 miles away in Washington, D.C.

Robinson could have shunned the world away. But he rose up.

"I grew up my whole life wanting to be an NBA player," Robinson said recently in an interview with ESPN. "Once I handle my business, I will have (Jayla) by my side."

At 6-foot-10 and chiseled, Robinson is not just a gifted athlete; he is a gifted human being, proud, strong, courageous.

He possesses strength unseen before — a strength that carried him and his little sister through the deaths of their closest family members. His father was absent from his childhood and Jayla's father was in prison on drug charges.

Robinson's strength also willed him into the frontrunner position for Player of the Year in college basketball. Many expect him to declare for the NBA draft following this season.

"I would never say he needs to leave, but I hope Thomas is able to leave," KU head coach Bill Self said recently in an interview with ESPN. "I hope this is his last year at the University of Kansas."

Robinson has not only made his teammates better — the prime

test of any basketball player — but the ferocity of his game has been infectious. His teammates seem to have become an extension of him.

At the beginning of the season, college basketball writers and analysts said KU would have a down year and its run of seven straight Big 12 titles would end. They said this was the least talented KU basketball team in years.

Robinson, apparently, did not listen.

With "T-Rob" as the ringleader, averaging 17 points and 12 rebounds a game, the Jayhawks have risen to No. 5 in the nation.

Robinson has given us the best story in college basketball this year, showcasing strength unseen before. That's worth admiring.

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LETTER

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have been, but I think it important to note that this was my experience with her.

Finally, I have been in several classes with Mr. Moore and want to make clear that I have not felt threatened by him nor have I been witness to any aggressive behavior. Again, that is not to say this is everyone's experience with him, but it is mine.

Ultimately, I agree that this case has been mismanaged by UM, but I also think your in-

vestigative process leaves much to be desired. You quoted me from a nearly year-old, private email without any follow-up or direct contact, and you only offered a small time frame (over a holiday break!) for anyone in the class to speak with you as well. Of what value is a story like this?

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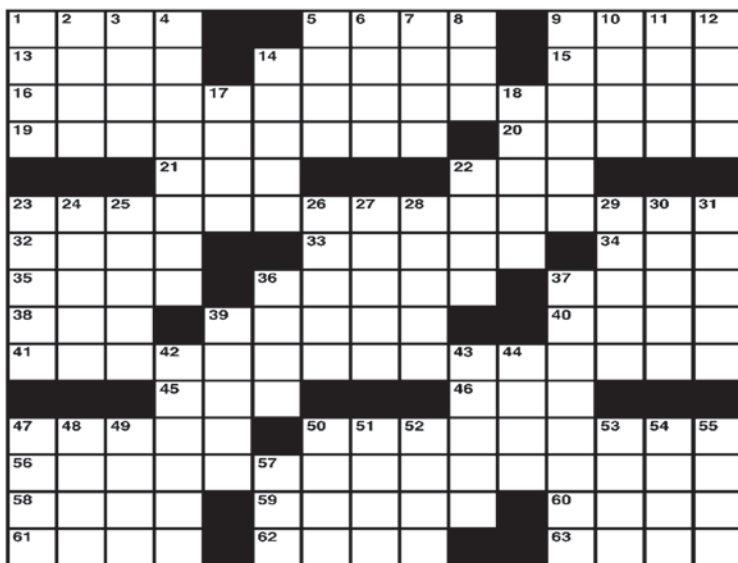
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Payment option
- 5 The Arthur Ashe Award for Courage is one
- 9 Detergent target
- 13 Peek-___
- 14 One-named singer of "Rolling in the Deep"
- 15 Creepy lake?
- 16 Joint Chevrolet/Kia vacation package?
- 19 Burns rubber
- 20 Sources of inspiration
- 21 Spy novelist Deighton
- 22 Pres. before RWR
- 23 Joint GMC/Hyundai vacation package?
- 32 Sheepshank, e.g.
- 33 Cleveland's Quicken Loans



By Rich Mausser

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DOWN

- 34 Blend
- 35 Elihu for whom an Ivy is named
- 36 Took the wheel
- 37 Colada fruit
- 38 Sidewall letters
- 39 Glistened
- 40 Feature of American paneling, but not British?
- 41 Joint Ford/Chrysler vacation package?
- 45 Chap
- 46 ICU workers
- 47 Two-time loser to Ike
- 50 Sought at auction
- 56 Joint Dodge/Toyota vacation package?
- 58 Clock radio letters
- 59 Colleague of Thomas
- 60 Pale-green moth
- 61 Homer's tavern
- 62 Legendary Brazilian footballer
- 63 Celtic land

- 1 Cleveland cagers
- 2 Contribute to, as a crime
- 3 Sound measure
- 4 Portable cooker
- 5 Site of an early exile
- 6 Space exploration org.
- 7 It's hatched
- 8 Ja or da, stateside
- 9 Take off, as a discount
- 10 Malleable metal
- 11 Thieves' group
- 12 Earl Grey et al.
- 14 Rice-___
- 17 App downloader
- 18 Colleague of Clarence
- 22 Dick's partner
- 23 Internet telephony provider
- 24 Jawbone of ___: Samson's weapon
- 25 Type of acid found in veggies
- 26 Mystic's medium
- 27 Home to Maine's Black Bears
- 28 Lowest card in klüberjass

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 29 Essential acid
- 30 Of a higher quality
- 31 Praise
- 36 Played, but not in the field, briefly
- 37 Ice cream truck offering
- 39 1992 Summer Olympics country
- 42 Roosters, at times
- 43 Lyre-playing Muse
- 44 Ladies' court gp.
- 47 Stuck, after "in"
- 48 Major-___
- 49 Rapper ___ Fiasco
- 50 Pulitzer-winning WWII journalist
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BUDGET

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"This senate is probably going to have to figure out if we go out for a fee increase because we cannot continue to fund our student groups at that (level)," Gursky said.

She said she encourages students to email her with ideas to better fund student groups in the future.

Michael Goff, team leader of the culinary competition class at the College of Technology, said more money would allow his team to compete across the country and overseas.

"(More money) would help finance the cost of food and operations for our organization in the events," he said.

ASUM agencies are also lobbying for money this week, and some have been recommended to receive significantly more than in previous years.

The Renter Center, for one, could see an increase of nearly \$20,000 to fund its new neighborhood ambassador program and other services.

Executives propose reducing other agencies' budgets to pay for expansions.

UM Productions has seen its budget cut by more than \$40,000

since 2007. This year, executives propose an additional \$600 decrease to \$53,000.

Marissa Grinestaff, director of UM Productions, said the agency barely has enough to fund staff right now.

"If we only have enough money to pay staff, then it's like, 'What are we staffing for if there's not enough money left over to produce the events?'" she said.

Grinestaff added that the agency might have to increase ticket prices to make up for the cuts.

"We will do the best we can with what we're given by ASUM," she said.

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Student groups receiving the most funding in fiscal year 2011-12 were:

Women's Center: \$7,395.40

Alliance for Disability and Students at the University of Montana: \$4,314.05

CutBank: \$3,600

Camas: \$3,275

The Oval: \$945

MISSOULA

UM students land in court

Spencer Veysey
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CAR VS. BIKE

University of Montana student Christopher Patterson, 21, is being held in Missoula County Jail on a \$50,000 bond after he allegedly hit a bicyclist with his car on East Broadway on Jan. 31.

Patterson was allegedly drunk at the time of the incident and is charged with aggravated DUI, vehicular assault and failure to stop at an accident.

Missoula police stopped a car missing a side-view mirror a few blocks away from an injured bicyclist. Police matched a mirror found at the scene with Patterson's car, according to an officer's report.

Patterson failed a field sobriety test and refused to submit to a breath test, a misdemeanor under municipal statute. According to court documents, Patterson gave a breath test at

the county jail that registered 0.16 percent blood alcohol — twice the legal limit.

During the booking process, Patterson said the bicyclist didn't have a light and that he thought it was a rock, according to the officer's report.

DRUGS AND JEWELS

UM student Brittany Wells pleaded guilty to drug charges and theft two weeks ago, and has since been sentenced to nine years of probation and ordered into a drug treatment program.

According to court documents, officers responded to two 911 calls originating near the Wal-Mart on Highway 93 on Jan. 7. Officers stopped a truck in which Wells was riding as a passenger. Both Wells and the driver of the truck allowed police to search the car, during which officers found syringes,

spoons and plastic bags. According to the affidavit filed in the case, officers tested residue on a spoon and found traces of morphine and Dilaudid.

Police arrested Wells and the driver of the truck and took them to the station for questioning.

According to court documents, Wells called a man to arrange the purchase of \$30 worth of black tar heroin during an interview with a detective at the station. Officers recorded the whole conversation.

Earlier that day, Wells' mother reported \$2,800 worth of jewelry stolen from her home, and believed Wells had taken the jewelry. After an investigation, officers recovered the jewelry at Wells' boyfriend's mother's house. Wells confessed to stealing the jewelry and was able to help recover about half of it, according to court documents.

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CAMPUS

Native students lack role models

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For most University of Montana students, it's not difficult to find a role model whom they can relate to — someone who can help them succeed in a college setting. However, for Native American students, finding a role model is not only a luxury, it's a major problem.

Last fall, at the request of Provost Perry Brown and Teresa Branch, the Vice President for Student Affairs, a committee was formed to analyze services and opportunities available to Native American students.

Last week, they submitted their preliminary report.

Vernon Grant, an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation studying for a Ph.D. in community health and exercise science, served on that committee and said role models are lacking for Native students at UM because of insufficient diversity in faculty, staff and administration.

"Native mentors are so badly needed on this campus," he said. "President Engstrom is doing an awesome job with what he has, to learn about Indian people ... but more has to be done."

There is only one adviser at UM who is Native American and an estimated 800 Native American students on campus. For Native students, finding a person they can relate to who can help them stay in school and get the financial aid they need is a struggle. The report said help in these areas is "woefully inadequate" and needs to be looked at.

The average retention rate after two years is 46 percent for a Native student and 59 percent for the entire University, according to the Office of Planning, Budgeting and Analysis. The retention rate for graduation within four years is about 8 percent, compared to 20 percent for the University.

David Beck, chair of the Native American Studies department and chair of the committee, said the low retention rate is correlated to the lack of support and role models for Native students.

"There are very few people in administration who are Native American, so if you're a Native student, you don't look up to the administration and say, 'Yeah! That's an option for me,'" he said.

Grant said mentors are key in Native students' growth because they face unique issues such as historical trauma and high unemployment rates — up to 19 percent on some Montana reservations, according to the Montana Department of Labor and Industry. Poverty rates on Montana reservations can be as high as 50 percent, according to the Montana Department of Commerce. While Grant was on campus, he said he had to specifically seek out help.

"I was very fortunate when I came here. I had a mentor, but not every Native student gets that support," he said. "The population of Native people is going to grow, and the University of Montana needs to provide services for those people."

Beck said he hopes to in-



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Jesse Delaney and Shayla Paradeis study in the Payne Family Native American Center on Wednesday afternoon. The center was highlighted in a report last week as a strength for promoting opportunities for Native American students.

clude more Native people in roles on campus as advisers, professors, administrators and staff. He said the University doesn't have to add new positions to add diversity, but it has to be consciously open to making the effort to change when positions open up.

"Most of the Native students are in the COT, education and business, so we need professors in those fields especially," Beck said.

Some strengths were also outlined by the report and included the Payne Family Native American Center.

The report said the center "is a statement of the strong commitment of UM to Indian

country in Montana, and to the integration of Native students, knowledges and community into the fabric of the institution," through its creative architecture and wooden interior, its central location on campus and how it houses both the NAS department and American Indian Student Services.

Other strengths include the incorporation of Native American culture in UM functions including Native drumming at President Engstrom's inauguration and the support for Native students in the sciences, provided by private donors through grant money for further diversity in the field.

"I think this report really uncovered a lot of issues and it will help the administration with addressing those issues," Grant said. "But they need to do a follow-up assessment. It needs to be a lot longer and include more Native people on the committee."

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Dedication pays off for DeShields

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The sound of a basketball sailing through a rim's pearl-white twine 300 times means the freshman guard can leave the court — for now.

Keron DeShields usually shoots at Dahlberg Arena for hours after practice officially ends for the Montana Grizzlies men's basketball team.

Head coach Wayne Tinkle says the extra practice hours aren't a requirement by any means, but to DeShields, they are.

"If he's supposed to be somewhere and he's not, it's because he's in (the gym) working," he said.

The extra hours are paying off for the Baltimore native who provides a spark coming off the bench for a Grizzly team that has won 15 of its last 16 games, nine of which were in a row.

In the Sears BracketBuster game against Hawaii last Saturday, the Grizzlies pushed their lead to 34-21 behind DeShields' first-half 3-pointers — both of which came in his first three minutes of the game.

"It felt like all the hard work me and Kareem Jamar put in paid off," DeShields said. "The 300 shots after practice and the

100 before — they wouldn't be anything without Coach Tinkle believing in me enough to put me in the game."

Tinkle's belief in the skills and values of the 6-foot-2 freshman started last year when he first heard of DeShields through friend Rob Norris, who used to coach for Montana under Pat Kennedy.

"(Rob) told me about him, sent me some DVDs, and I talked to him on the phone a few times," Tinkle said. "I just fell in love with his attitude and personality. He's a very engaging individual — we just thought he'd be a good fit for what we're trying to do here."

DeShields said his and Tinkle's relationship, one he truly treasures, has always "been like silk." This is especially significant since his father has been in prison since 2005 for drug-related charges.

DeShields said he and Tinkle talked so easily before DeShields came to UM. "It would be for an hour sometimes," DeShields said. "We would just talk on the phone about absolutely everything and that's the main thing that attracted to me to this school — his personality."

During last year's long-distance phone calls, DeShields was a 17-year-old senior playing for his third high school

team. His first, Towson Catholic High School in Baltimore, was shut down, which led Keron to attend St. Vincent Pallotti in Laurel, Md., in 2010, where he averaged 22 points and 7 assists per game.

In 2011, DeShields played for Vermont Academy after finishing his education in Baltimore the previous year.

DeShields is one of three true freshmen on the roster who Tinkle says he can call upon at any time in the game.

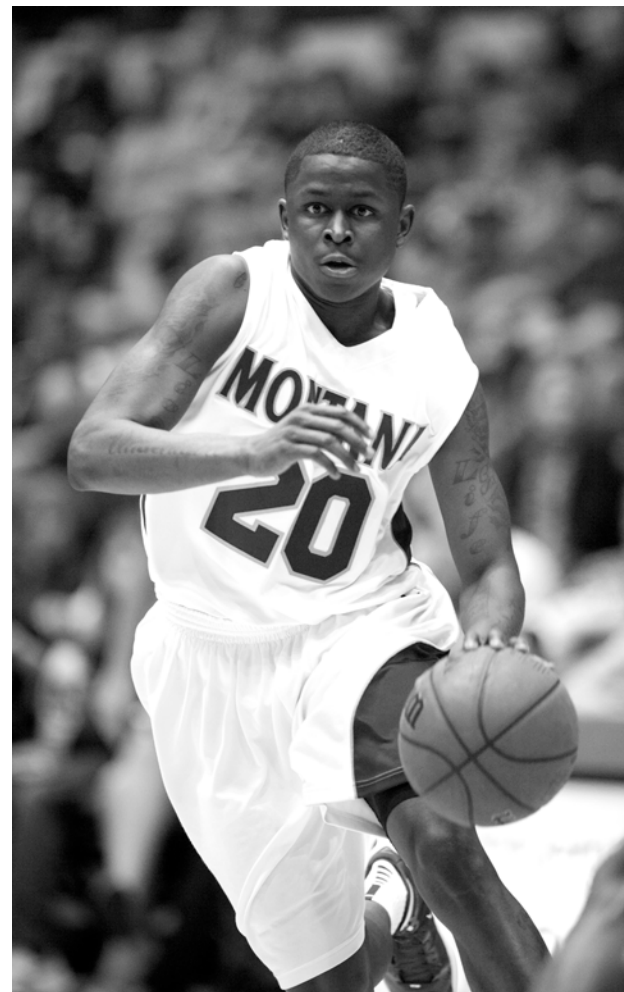
"Something just came to me, and I just decided we're not going to redshirt anyone out of this group," Tinkle said. "I thought, 'Let's keep them all so that when we get to the end of the season, and the lulls in the middle, that we won't feel short-handed.' I'm certainly glad we made that choice."

"The big three," as DeShields calls them, also includes Kevin Henderson and Jordan Gregory, who have each played in more than half of the Grizzlies' games this year.

Next up, the 20-6 Griz will face slumping Northern Arizona (5-22, 1-13) on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Dahlberg Arena.

"Regardless of their record, they're going to try to play spoiler," Tinkle said.

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Freshman Keron DeShields dribbles the ball toward the basket during last weekend's game against the University of Hawaii Warriors.

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TRACK & FIELD

Track teams gear up for indoor championships

Austin Schempp
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After producing eight new conference championship qualifiers last weekend in Bozeman, the University of Montana's indoor track and field teams are ready for the Big Sky Conference Indoor Championships.

The meet will take place in Flagstaff, Ariz., from Feb. 24-25 at Northern Arizona's Walkup Skydome.

Head coach Brian Schweyen's team has surged as of late, producing many season- and career-best performances in the last two meets. He hopes the momentum will propel the team forward heading into the championships this weekend.

"It's a meet where everyone needs to have a season-best," Schweyen said.

On the men's side, Montana has 14 qualifications for the indoor championships. The men have dealt with injuries, along with athletes who were red-shirts for the season.

Sophomore Kaleb Horlick and junior Keith Webber are both qualified in the pole vault and give Montana two of the best pole vaulters in the conference. Webber is ranked second in the Big Sky behind Idaho State's Michael Arnold, while Horlick is tied for third.

Horlick had his best perfor-

mance of the season last weekend at Montana State with a 16 3/4 vault.

Also making an impact for the men is freshman Lee Hardt, who ranks second in the Big Sky for the high jump.

Schweyen said that he hopes to see the men finish in the top six at conference for the indoor season. Last year the men's team finished seventh.

The Montana women's team has earned 23 qualifications for this week's meet, with qualifications in several different categories, including jumps, sprints, distance races and hurdles.

Junior Lindsey Hall has qualifications in the 60-meter hurdles, triple jump, long jump, high jump and pentathlon.

Hall will look to qualify for the NCAA Championships in the pentathlon. Her season best performance in the pentathlon earned her 3,842 points, only 308 points off of the 4,150-point automatic national qualification.

If Hall qualifies, she will compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships in Nampa, Idaho, from March 9-10.

Two other athletes on the women's side expected to make a big impact at the meet include junior Kourtney Danreuther in the 400 meters and junior Gwenn Abbott in the high jump.

Danreuther, who ran a season-best 55.27 second, 400-meter race on Feb. 4, ranks first in the Big Sky for the event.

Abbott is also ranked first in the Big Sky, tied with Montana State's Amber Amsbaugh and Sacramento State's Moira Robinson in the high jump. On Feb. 17, Abbott jumped to a season best 5-7 3/4 to win the event in Bozeman.

Schweyen said that he expects the women's team to place in the top three in the conference.

Last year the women's team finished third at the indoor championships and came in second at the outdoor conference championships.

Schweyen said the number of athletes who are competing for Montana at the championships is less than previous years.

"It's probably the least amount of athletes we've ever taken, but on our women's side it's still a pretty solid team," he said.

After competing in the indoor championships, Montana will prepare for the outdoor track season. The team's first meet of the outdoor season will take place on March 24 in Pullman, Wash.

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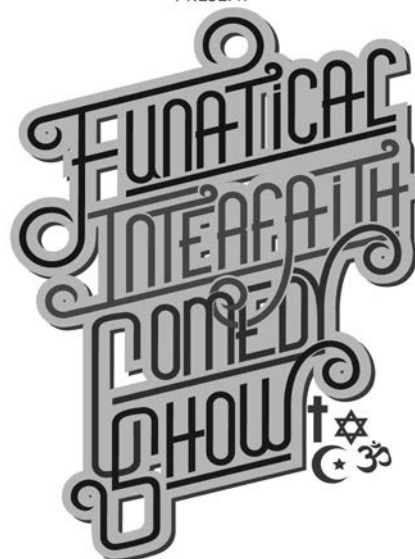
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tims can more easily report cases of assault.

"The prosecution process is tough," she said. "It's such a personal decision when victims have been traumatized."

Several students pointed out the need for more training for faculty and staff members on how to be available and supportive for victims.

"We're pretty lucky with the resources we have," O'Herlihy said.

She pointed to St. Patrick Hospital, which offers services to sexual assault victims through the First STEP program without giving them a bill. "It's about coming up with more ideas like that," she said.

Statewide efforts are also

coming into play as a result of recent events, O'Herlihy said. A summit in Butte on March 3 will aim to educate smaller Montana colleges on how to provide resources for victims.

"I think it will be a really great first step for statewide dialogue," she said.

UM professor Charles Palmer was in attendance with several of his students who have been working on a social networking effort to open dialogue on sexual assault. The project is called "Students Against Sexual Assault" and can be accessed via Facebook or Twitter by searching SASA-UMT. One of Palmer's students said videos, pictures and comments are all appreciated as part of an effort to open the dialogue about sexual assault.

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away was a lot harder, not being able to go back home, but it was really neat to see other kids take action with their faith too."

In his homily Wednesday night, Father Mike Smith, a stand-in priest for the church's pastor, said that Lent is a journey for many Christians that emphasizes coming back to the Lord through personal sacrifice and improvement.

"Today we begin a 40-day journey, and it's a journey that we travel again and again," he said. "It is a time of solemnity and seriousness. This is a season to return to the Lord."

Lillegard said her favorite part of Lent is the opportunity to grow through sacrifices and the push to improve aspects of life.

"I guess a lot of people see Lent as a sucky time because we have to sacrifice and give things up, but it is a time not only to make a change for 40 days, but for a better life," she said.

Lillegard said the Lenten season is a centerpiece of the Christian faith through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ and that Lent helps prepare believers for the Easter season through deeper concentration on God.

Fangman said that Lent is a special season for looking inside herself to make changes.

"I'm giving up sweets," she said. "First, because it is really hard for me, and second, because I am trying to make a healthier lifestyle."

Although many Christians give up something as a per-

sonal sacrifice during the season, Lillegard decided to do something extra to better herself and make others happy.

"I am writing a letter every day. I did it last year, and it was the coolest thing I've done for Lent," she said. "It made me really think about the people who mean a lot to me, and it made the people I wrote to happy."

Lillegard said she wanted the people in her life to know how important they are to her and wanted to thank God for those people by recognizing them.

"For me it is more about giving and being a better Christian," Lillegard said. "I mean, there are sacrifices in that, but it's more of a focus on gaining a better relationship with God."

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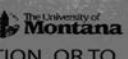


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